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Do you Recognize these Scenes from Around Ohio?



Hello!

Thanks for picking up our latest issue. I hope you're ready for spring - it's sure to be headed our way soon! You know it's around the corner when kids start throwing their softballs and baseballs around!

Spring is a great time to check out your local shops, flea markets and open houses. Some of our shops are planning Spring Open Houses - it's great to see open houses returning!

Our Secret Shopper visited a great shop for this issue - **Plaid Sheep** on Rt. 39, Millersburg. Sounds as if she enjoyed her visit as she usually does! (see her article on page 11). You'll have to check out **Plaid Sheep** too!

Take time to enjoy life - and as our Secret Shopper always says - be sure to take your Country Register with you! Be sure to thank the shops that advertise with us and if you happen to visit one who's not included, encourage them to give us a call.

Happy Spring!

Barb

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The Country Register Story

The Country Register began in Arizona in the fall of 1988 to provide effective and affordable advertising for shops, shows and other experiences enjoyed by a kindred of readership. Since then, the paper has spread to many other areas, all of which are listed below. Look for the paper in your travels. To receive a sample paper from another area, mail \$3 to that area's editor. Advertising rates are available upon request. The Country Register is available at the shops that advertise and often at other unique locations. We hope you enjoy this bi-monthly publication and let the advertisers know. For additional information, visit www.countryregister.com.

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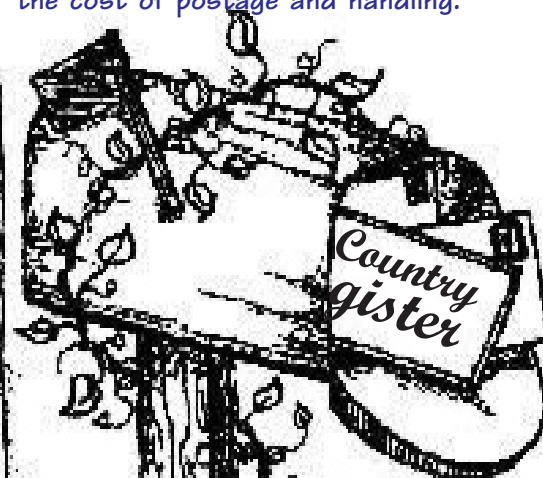
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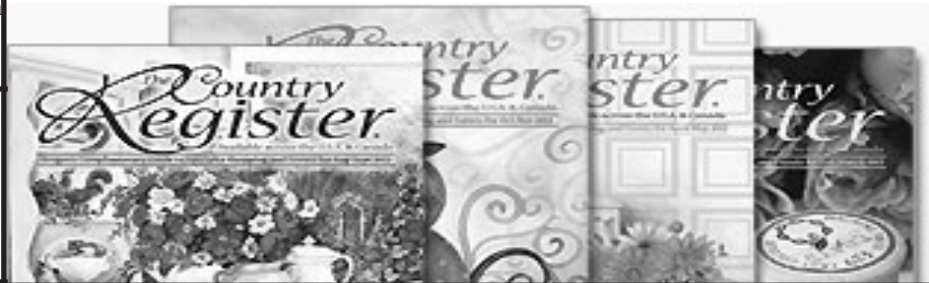
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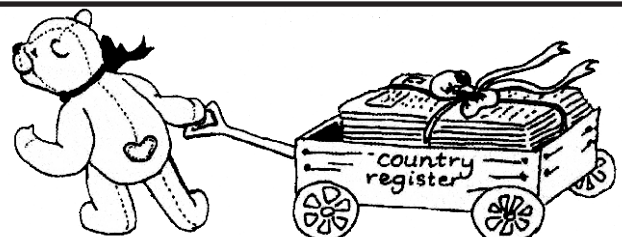
Gretchen Walker-Reed

This issue's cover art was designed especially for The Ohio Country Register by a local artist, Gretchen Walker-Reed. We fell in love with this painting titled "A Day with the Ladies" as it depicts three ladies out on a shopping spree... which we feel represents the beginning of spring and the opportunity to get out and SHOP... especially after being cooped up with the pandemic.

Reed was born and raised in Woodstock, Ohio. Her many talents were apparent in her early school days. She excelled in the arts, namely music and graphic design. Raising her two children in various locations across the United States, she relied on her artwork to help support her family. She sold her work - namely handmade jewelry, repurposed furniture, handmade greeting cards and unique and whimsical paintings in various venues in many different states.

Today, Gretchen has settled in the central Ohio area, opening up a small plant and gift boutique which showcases her artwork as well as other local artists, and features a wonderful selection of house plants, small gifts including handmade jewelry, photography, natural bath products, repurposed furniture, and more.

Be sure to visit Gretchen or her daughter Tobi Reed at **Willow-Walker Plant Boutique** (formerly The Shop Around The Corner) located at 121 Scioto Street in Urbana, Ohio, phone 937-926-6485. Shop hours (after March 3) are Thurs 12-5, Fri-Sat 11-6.
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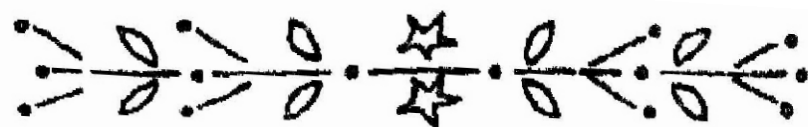
2 7-oz tubes biscuits
4 T. butter, melted
1/2 t. garlic powder
1/2 t. dried parsley
1/2 c. pepperoni slices, cut into small pieces
1 c. shredded mozzarella cheese
marinara sauce for dipping, optional

Preheat oven to 425°

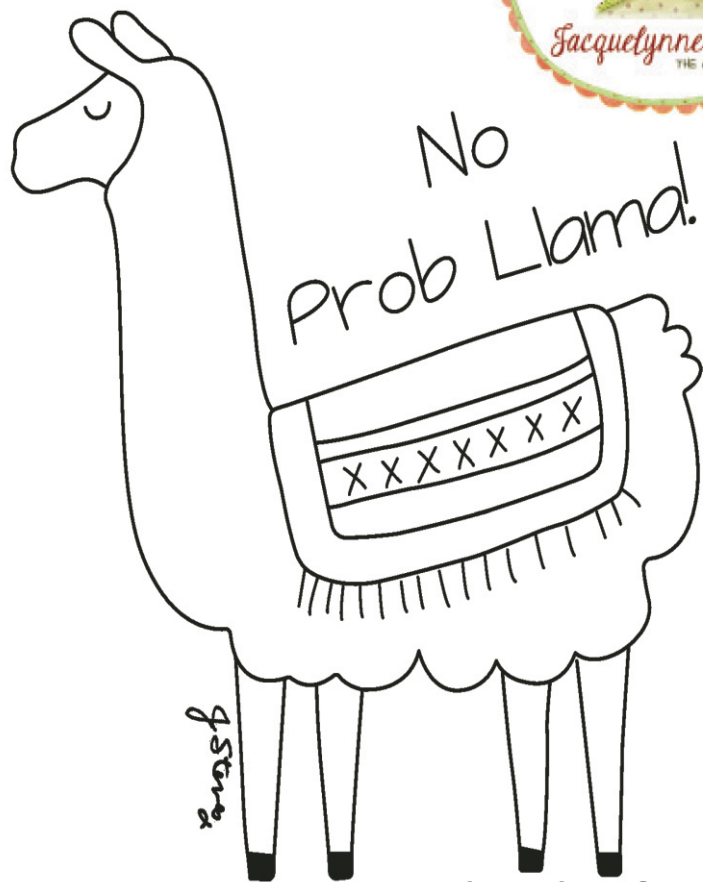
Cut each biscuit into 4 equal pieces and place in large bowl along with pepperoni pieces and mozzarella cheese. Toss. Combine butter, garlic powder, parsley. Pour over biscuit mixture and toss.

Grease muffin tin, using a 12-cup for med sized rolls, or 9-cup for larger rolls. Divide the mixture among the cups.

Bake for 10-12 min or until golden brown. Use marinara sauce for dipping.

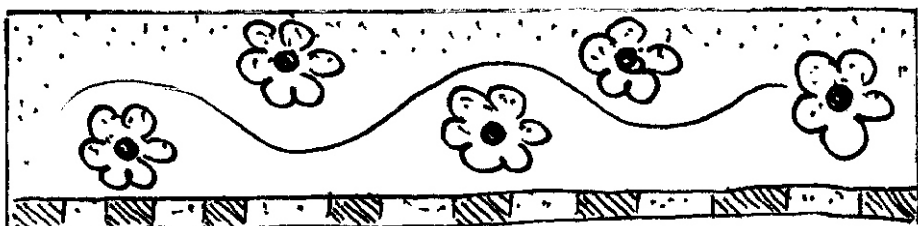


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For more fun and creative inspiration visit: www.JacquelynneSteves.com

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MY-OH-MY WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY

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Irish Chain Quilts

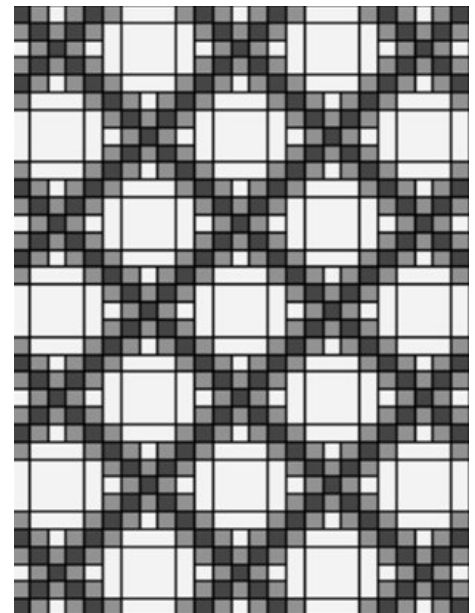
by Rachel Greco

Irish Chain Quilts have been a favorite pattern for American quilt makers ever since the early 1800s. According to Quilt Historian Barbara Brackman, the earliest documented date of an Irish Chain quilt in America is 1814. She states in her book *Clues in the Calico* (1989) that the pattern was possibly derived from geometric double-weaving patterns of that era.

In March 1979, *Quilters Newsletter Magazine* noted that no documentation had been found to show that the Irish Chain pattern had been brought to America by Irish immigrants, had originated in Ireland or even why this pattern has been dubbed "Irish" chain.

While much of the history of the Irish Chain pattern remains a mystery, today there appears to be evidence to suggest that the pattern may indeed have originated in Ireland. According to an article published at

womenfolk.com, a photograph of a quilt in the book *West Virginia Quilts and Quilt-makers* (2000) shows a quilt made with a pattern that is similar to what we think of today as an Irish Chain quilt. This quilt had been brought to America from Ireland. Made by Margaret Kee in 1805, this quilt was stitched with the linen thread typically used in Ireland at that time. Ms. Kee then brought the quilt to West Virginia in 1807 when she immigrated to America.



Double Irish Chain Quilt

There are three different types of Irish Chain quilts. The Single Irish Chain is an easy design where the blocks alternate horizontally between one block of nine mini squares and a solid block of a contrasting color. The Double Irish Chain uses one block of 25 mini squares and an alternate block consisting of nine pieces. The Triple Irish Chain is much more intricate and made with four different colors of fabric. The main blocks have 49 mini squares of fabric with alternate blocks consisting of 25 mini-squares.

Interestingly, the Irish Chain quilt pattern is found in Ireland where it goes by the name "Mosaic" or "American Chain."

Rachel Greco owns *Grandma's Attic*, a traditional quilt shop in Dallas, Oregon. A quilt historian and avid reader, she gives talks on needlework, the role of women in American history, and their connection to fabric. She has written several books and patterns and runs *Grandma's Quilt Club*, a monthly quilt class where participants collect quilt blocks, learn about quilt history and make new friends. Learn more at: <https://grandmasatticquilting.com>.

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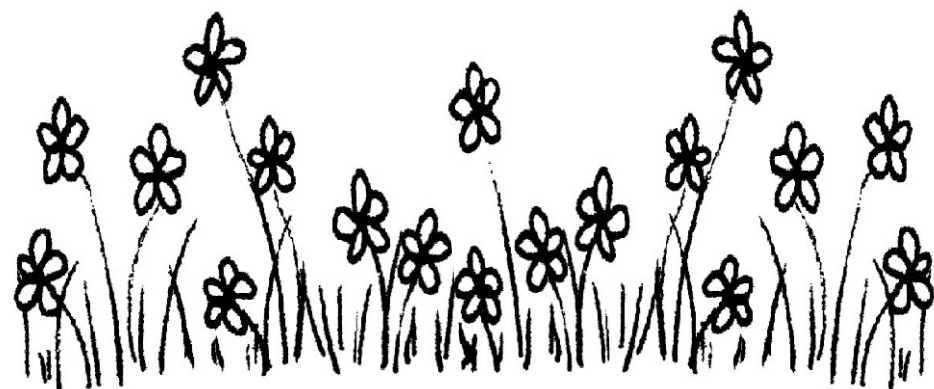
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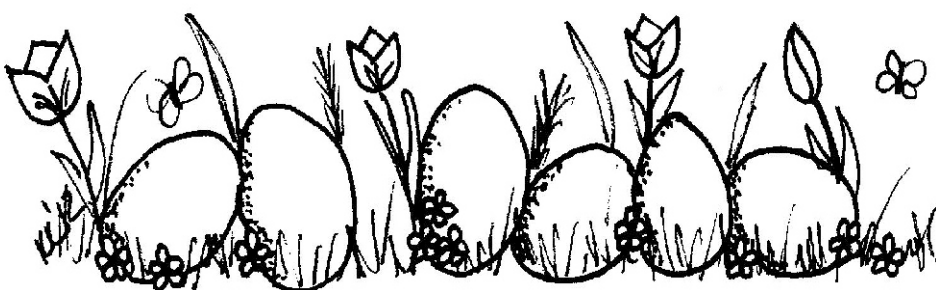
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- 1/2 t. ground cinnamon
- 2 large eggs
- 1 c. rolled oats
- 1/2 c. dried cranberries
- 1/2 c. pecans or walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven 350°

Mix peanut butter, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon and eggs in a large bowl with a handheld mixer until smooth. Add oats, cranberries and nuts and mix until just combined.

Use a 1/4-c. cookie scoop to scoop the dough onto parchment lined baking sheets, leaving at least 1" between scoops. Flatten the scoops slightly with the back of a spoon or a glass. Bake until the cookies start to brown, approx. 10-12 min.

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Naturally Dyed Easter Eggs

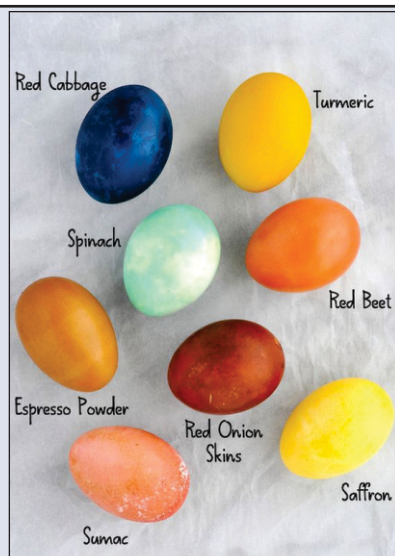
Try this fun method to dye your eggs this Easter.

What You'll Need:

Hard-boiled eggs, room temperature (preferably not super-fresh)

One cup of each vegetable per cup of water, except use 2 T. turmeric

Use red cabbage produces blue, red onion skins for brown, yellow onion skins for orange, shredded beets for pink, tumeric for yellow, coffee for brown (see photo for other colors)



White distilled vinegar (1 T. per cup of strained dye)
Vegetable oil

Equipment you'll need:

Saucepan with lid

White dish

Fine-mesh strainer

A second saucepan or bowl

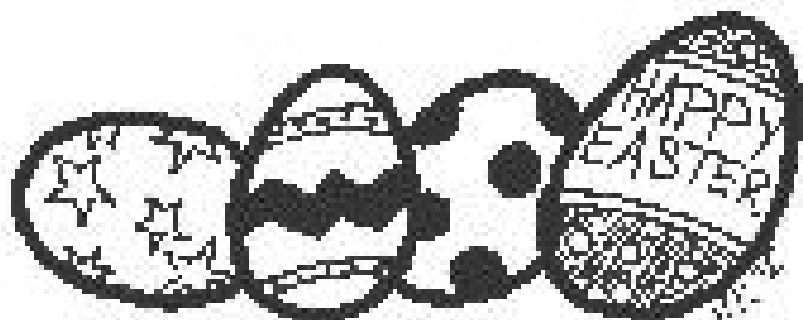
Baking dish or other container

Paper towels

Gather your ingredients: Follow the ratios given above for each ingredient to make more or less dye. Add water to a saucepan: Pour the amount of water you need for the dye you're making into a saucepan. Start making the dye: Add the dye matter (purple cabbage, onion skins, etc.) and bring the water to a boil. Turn the heat down to low and simmer, covered, for 15-30 min. The dye is ready when it reaches a hue a few shades darker than you want for your egg. Dip the corner of a paper towel into the dye check the color. When the dye is as dark as you like, remove the pan from the heat and let the dye cool to room temperature.

Pour the cooled dye through a fine-mesh strainer into another container. Stir the vinegar into the dye — use 1 tablespoon of vinegar per cup of strained liquid. Arrange the room-temperature eggs in single layer in a baking dish or other container and carefully pour the cooled dye over them. Make sure the eggs are completely submerged. Transfer the eggs in the dye to the refrigerator and chill until the desired color is reached.

Carefully dry the eggs, and then massage in a little oil to each one. Polish with a paper towel. Store the eggs in the refrigerator until it is time to use them.





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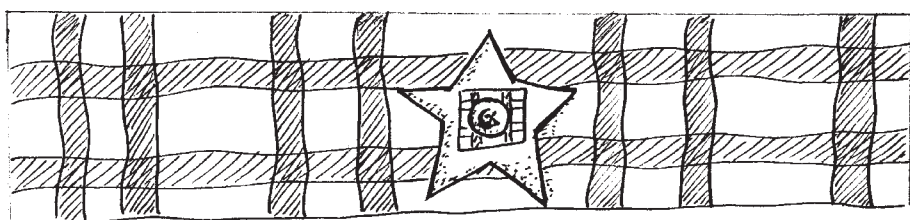
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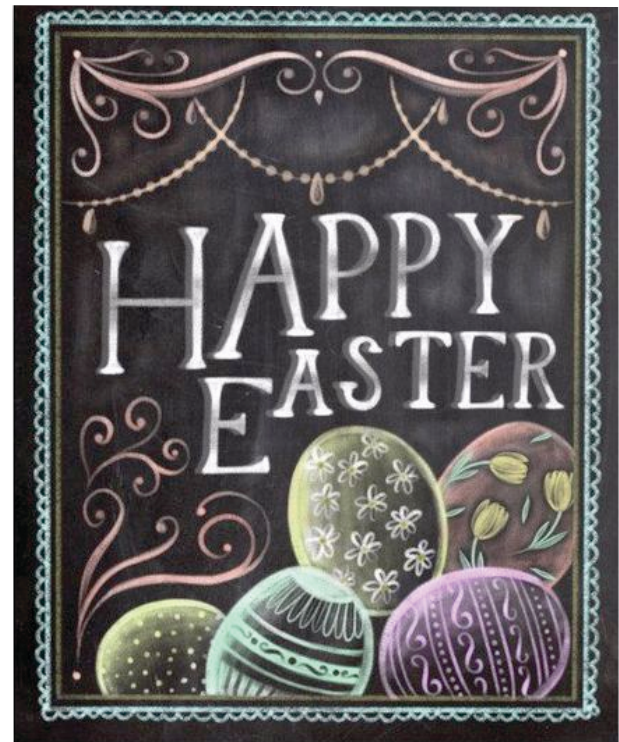
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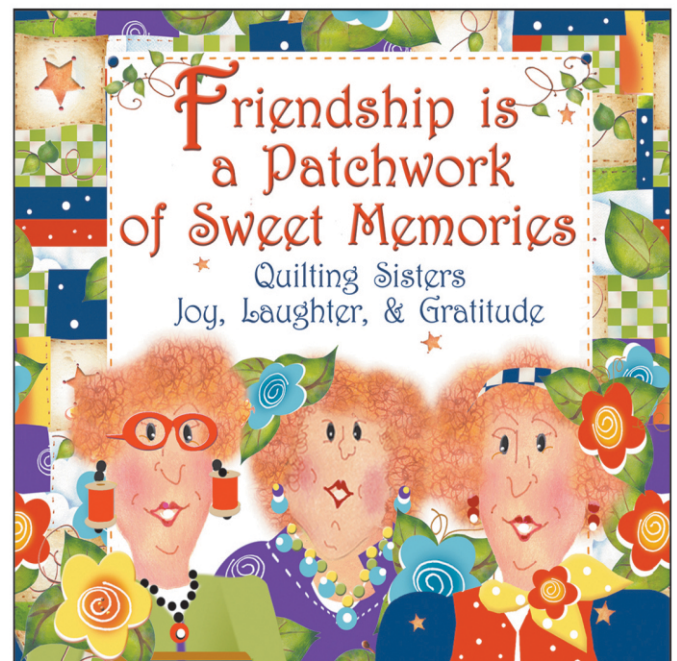
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Joy & Blessings, *Jody*

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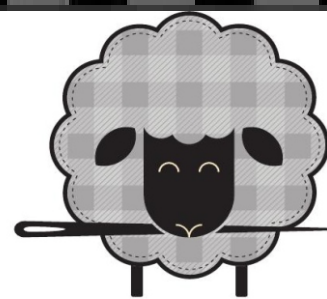
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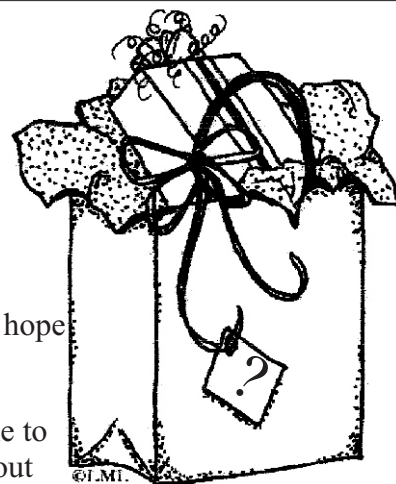
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Hello Ohio Country Register readers. I hope all is well. Spring is on its way! I saw robins yesterday and a bald eagle! Snow is melting and that means it's time to get my current Ohio Country Register out and see where I will go on my next trip.

One of my very favorites is **The Plaid Sheep** in Berlin in Ohio's Amish Country at Schrock's Heritage Farm. It's one the most unique shops I have visited and a gold mine if you sew!

Their selection of patterns is the best I've ever found. It's so much better to see the actual pattern and not just a picture online. They make alot of the items from their large collection of patterns too and decorate with them so you can get a good idea how your pattern will look when you're done sewing.

Another reason I really like this shop is their unique fabric selection that they sell that isn't the usual fabric you find in other fabric stores. I found a great wool for my handmade acorns and homespun there.

It's a good place to get advice for your next sewing project too. They have so much knowledge and are so helpful. They also offer classes and sell a lot of their handmades in the shop. So if you aren't a sewer there is still lots to see, enjoy and buy.

Plan on spending time at the **Plaid Sheep**. Its always a challenge when I go there to choose my next pattern and fabric and check out all of their displays. The **Plaid Sheep** will get your creative side going for sure. Please be sure to tell them you saw their ad in the Ohio Country Register.

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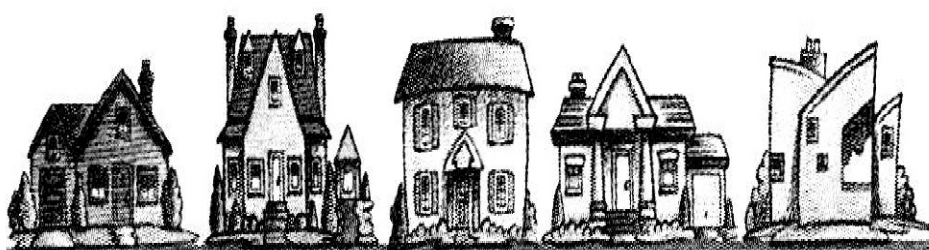
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A Long-Anticipated Masterpiece

by Annice Rockwell

After the long season of winter where all is seemingly silent and still, nature was in fact working miracles under the surface of snow. Ever-productive and ever-working, nature patiently waits for the perfect moment to reveal her long-anticipated masterpiece—spring. With ever-so-subtle hints greeting us kindly when we are awake to them, we feel almost honored to have the chance to bask in the comfort of the first warm, sunshiny day. We treasure the happy little blooms of the bluets bursting through the sun-warmed ground. We look ahead to full-blown spring when we witness the frozen, frosty ice that once provided winter skating joy to the town's children on Sunset Pond, begin to thaw to slowly reveal the welcomed open water characteristic of happy spring.

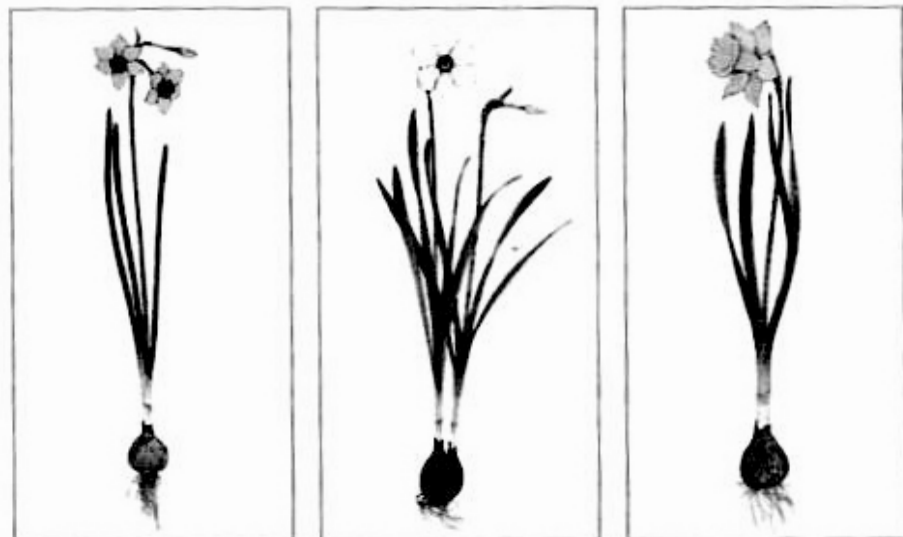


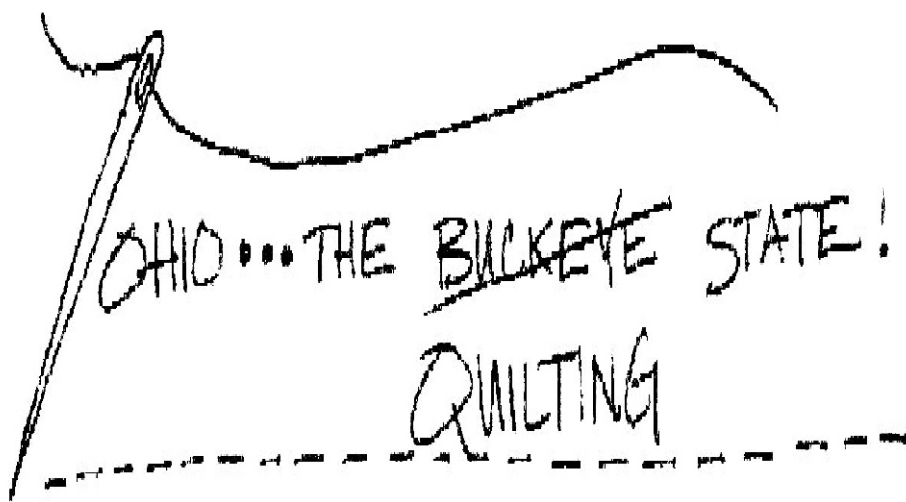
Her Familiar Return - Despite our attempts to hold on to the feeling that comes with that first hint of warmth, nature often reminds us that she is still the one in control. But our delayed gratification somehow makes that full transition to spring even more rewarding.

As we hear the familiar chirps of the returning birds as they make their friendly presence known to us again, we are reminded of the comforting cycle of nature. We are restored by the powerful patterns on which we can depend even in troubled or uncertain times. The essence of nature's unfolding masterpiece can be felt through all of our senses. On a midday hike through seemingly untraveled trails, the scent of earth rises up to greet us and we awaken to it. The trail itself offers hints as to the welcomed transition to spring. A tightly woven bird's nest recently built into the tallest laurel bough is symbolic of a hardworking mother bird expecting more than just the arrival of spring. In the local maple swamp the beavers have been busy gathering saplings and making our rural landscape somehow new to us now. The green tufts of growth on the stream suggest that winter is indeed coming to a close, and with just a little more patience spring will grace us with a spectacular beauty all her own.

Unrivaled Energy - As we look ahead to the days of spring, we often feel recharged with a sense of energy that is unrivaled. Perhaps it is because this new spirit of renewal was truly earned. We tend to feel gratitude for the lengthening days of sun, and it provides us with the much-needed time to work outside preparing our yards for the season to come. Whether we are building a new garden bed or designing handcrafted birdfeeders to highlight a special spot just off of our country porch, we are naturally drawn outside to enjoy the beautiful, soulful energy of spring. As careful observers we note spring's progression as we tend to our outdoor tasks. Little by little our surroundings take on more vibrant colors through nature's artful hand. Yellow daffodils surprise us with their tall, proud proclamation and bold, red tulips take center stage as focal points for our new gardens. Our lawn, once donning a frozen carpet of gray, is now springing to life in green as nature completes her remarkable transformation. And somehow as we feel this beautiful masterpiece all around us, we have a deeper knowing. We know that just like nature, after our long, seemingly still winter, we too will now break through to bloom.

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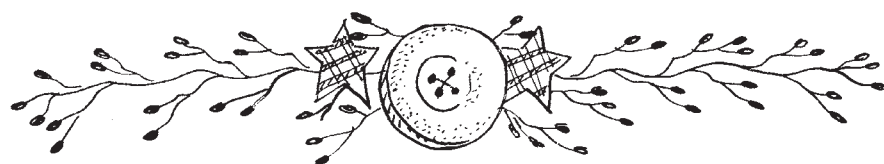
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A Little Child Shall Lead Them

by Julie A. Druck

I'm still a relatively new grandmother with three grandbabies under the age of 5. It's interesting to compare how I viewed our children as they grew up versus our grandchildren. For one thing, I feel that I am much more observant and amazed by the growth and development of our grandchildren.



Being free from continual training mode (as well as having much more life experience under my belt) allows me to step back and view these precious little ones in a way that I didn't or couldn't as a parent. And doing so has given rise to a few observations that make me want to apply the wisdom found in them to my own grandmotherly self:

*** Take joy.** I often chuckle over what my nearly 5-year-old granddaughter takes delight in – and I mean, full-tilt delight. The latest was when we went to the restroom of a local grocery store. After we washed our hands, Maggie stood under the air dryer to blow her hands dry. At her short height, the dryer was also blowing her hair all over the place which Maggie found laugh-out-loud funny! Her continual notice of, and delight in, the minutiae of life inspires me to keep my eyes wide open to the joy in simple things.

*** Stay in the moment.** As I sat in the car one day with the grandkids and waited for their mom to come out of a store, I observed my nearly 3-year-old grandson sitting quietly in his car seat enthralled with the view out the window. The obvious difference in how I was waiting versus how he was waiting struck me: I had been sitting there making plans about the rest of my day. Josh just sat there and delighted in what was going on around him that moment. His mind doesn't yet have the ability to make plans in advance. He just goes with the flow and is fully present in whatever his life entails at the moment. I, on the other hand, am ever living in “tomorrow” to the neglect of “today.”

*** Speak encouragement to yourself.** I walked in the door of their house one morning to be greeted by Maggie enthusiastically saying, “I'm brave!” She recounted the story of going to the doctor's and getting a shot. She said that she never cried, just said “Ouch!” and then bestowed upon herself the title of “Brave.” As she went off to play, I heard her occasionally saying to herself in a quiet, delighted tone: “I'm brave!” That's so contrary to what I'm usually telling myself: Why couldn't you get that right? Why didn't you say this instead of that? Will I never be able to (fill in the blank)?

I've been thinking a lot lately about what it means to have a childlike spirit. We as adults forget that there is much wisdom in retaining aspects of our childhood selves. Being a grown-up is incredibly overrated. Instead, I want to live in the best of both worlds. With the little bit of wisdom I've gained along the way as a grown-up, I want to apply this ever-growing list of observations to my life and relish the resulting joy and peace of childlikeness. For maybe the land of make-believe is actually “real life” after all . . .

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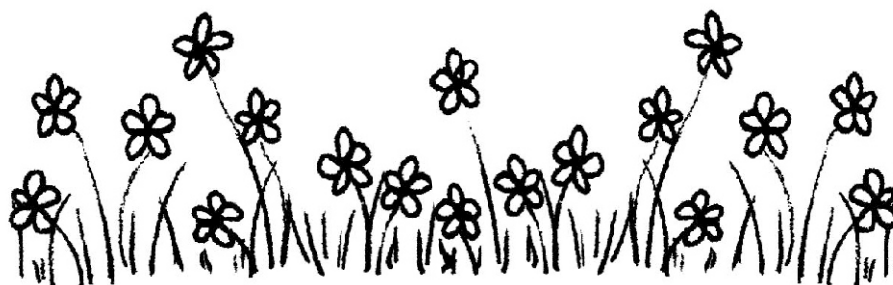
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The Graceful Bald Eagle

by Lesley R. Nuttall

I have always loved Bald Eagles! In my former hometown, my husband and I would drive out to the town garbage dump to see all the bald eagles. There was always at least a dozen sitting or flying around. It was their hang out place, as there was a large lake close by, and lots of huge trees for their nesting and resting. My obsession with the bald eagles inspired me to write about this beautiful bird of prey.

Did you know that the bald eagle isn't even bald? Their white head feathers make them appear bald when they are flying. This large bird can be found in United States, Canada, Mexico, and Alaska. The largest bald eagle lives in Alaska. The average life span is around 20 years, but the oldest ever recorded was 38 years old.

The bald eagle is the National bird of the U.S.A. This large bird was chosen as their emblem on June 20, 1782 and was confirmed official in 1787. They symbolize strength and freedom! Their emblem can be seen on postage stamps, logos, and coins. The Aboriginal people consider the bald eagle to be sacred; and a flying eagle or one perched very high in a tree is considered to bring good luck due to being closer to Heaven. Did you know that the bald eagle is mentioned 34 times in the Bible?

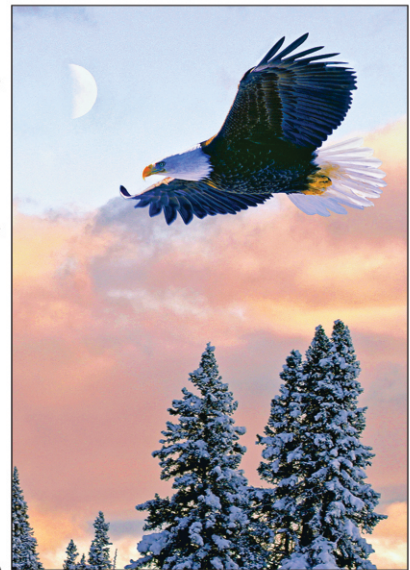
The bald eagle's body is covered with brown feathers, except for its white feathered head, and long white tail, slightly wedged. It has featherless legs, and yellow feet with short toes, with very powerful huge talons to catch their prey when they swoop down. They also have a yellow hooked beak, and their irises are a very bright yellow. Both the male and female bald eagle look identical, but the female is 25% larger than the male. Both are called bald eagles, but the female can sometimes be called, formel.

The wingspan of the male bald eagle can be up to 6.6 feet, while the female's wingspan can be up to 8 feet. These eagles are very powerful in the air. They can travel 35-43 mph in the air, and when swooping down for prey, their speed can get up to 75-97 mph. Such an amazing bird!

These birds of prey are carnivores and enjoy a variety of food. Fish is the most common, but will also feed on small birds, and any small animals it can lift. They can carry at least half their own weight. They do like to live near the water for easy food supply, and they also prefer old growth trees for nesting. Their large nests can be seen ¾ the way up in a tree, with a canopy of branches for perching and roosting as well as protection from the environment and other dangerous prey. In warmer climates, they stay year around, but in the colder climates, they do migrate south.

Keep your eyes peeled to the sky and watch one of these beautiful birds perform! Enjoy!

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Life's Recipe

by Becky Van Vleet

Not so long ago, I was going through my 45-year+ recipe box I received for a wedding shower gift. You know, the kind with tabbed dividers that hold three by five lined cards and you actually write out recipes! I had not browsed through it for quite some time, and I was hunting down a specific recipe. My fingers stumbled upon "Life's Recipe" on a piece of paper that was nestled in with other cards behind my "Meat" divider.

I recognized it from years long gone by. Before continuing my specific recipe search, I paused a moment to read it. And then I drew a breath and pondered on the ingredients and instructions for "baking" this recipe. I have never discovered the author. I am thinking someone never got credit for how this life recipe has traveled around to thousands of readers all over the world. But then again, when I read it, I'm sure the person who wrote the recipe would not even want the credit.

Maybe you've never seen this, or maybe you have, but a re-read could be beneficial for many of us. Enjoy!

LIFE'S RECIPE

- 1 Cup good thoughts
- 1 Cup consideration for others
- 2 Cups sacrifice for others
- 3 Cups forgiveness
- 2 Cups well-beaten faults



Mix these thoroughly and add tears of joy and sorrow and sympathy for others. Flavor with little gifts of love and kindly service. Fold in 4 Cups of prayers and faith to lighten other ingredients, and raise the texture to great heights of good living. After pouring all this into your daily life, bake well with the tear of human kindness. Serve with a smile!

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Mexican Street Corn

- 2 T. butter
- 4 c. frozen corn
- ¼ c. mayonnaise
- ¼ c. sour cream
- juice of 1 lime
- 1 t. ground cumin
- ½ t. chili powder
- ½ c. cotija cheese
- ¼ c. cilantro or green onions

Melt butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Stir in frozen corn. Cook just until corn is heated through, stirring often. Stir in mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, cumin and chili powder.

Add half of cotija cheese, stirring until melted. Sprinkle the top with remaining cheese and garnish with a dash of chili powder and cilantro or green onions.

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Laugh and Leave Your Worries Behind

by Sue Baldani



April is National Humor Month. And after the last couple of years we've endured, we all need some laughter in our lives.

There are a number of ways to enjoy everything from a chuckle or a giggle to a full-blown belly laugh.

If you're up for a night out with others, check out a comedy club or take in a funny movie. Or, go out to dinner with friends and tell amusing stories from the past. Chances are they've heard them all already, but rehashing happy memories with good pals never gets tiring.

If you would rather stay home in your pajamas and order in, find a comedy on television or stream an old movie that has brought you to tears, in a good way, in the past. To make it even better, invite family and friends over to laugh along with you.

Laughter can happen during even the simplest moments. If you have pets, sometimes all you have to do is watch them play. We have two black cats, Boo and Grover, who often make us laugh out loud with their antics. We love their World Wide Wrestling feline tournaments where they wrestle like they're each trying to win the heavyweight championship belt. It's all in good fun, of course, since they truly adore each other. After a good match, they usually curl up and take a long nap.

Children are often another source of amusement. Watching them interact with other kids and listening to what they say can often bring a fresh and entertaining perspective on even the most serious subjects. They also usually have a great repertoire of jokes. Even if they are a little corny, you can't help but giggle at least a bit.

Laughter truly is the best medicine. Find the humor in your daily routine, and it may truly change your entire life for the better. And if you can't find anything or anyone to laugh at, you can always think about something crazy you've done in the past and laugh at yourself.

Keep smiling!

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Old Fashioned Salisbury Steak

1# ground beef
1/3 cup bread crumbs
2 t. ketchup
1 t. mustard
1 t. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 t. garlic powder

Gravy
1 onion - small, thinly sliced
1 t. oil
2 c. beef broth
4 T. flour
1 t. ketchup
1/2 t. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 c. sliced mushrooms

Cook onion and mushrooms with 1 t. oil over med-high heat until nicely browned, about 7-8 min. Set aside in a bowl.

In a large mixing bowl, combine 1# of ground beef with 1/3 c. breadcrumbs, 2 t. ketchup, 1 t. mustard and 1 t. Worcestershire sauce, and 1/2 t. garlic powder. Divide the hamburger mixture into 3-4 equal portions. A quarter-size indent in the middle of one side to prevent puffing up of the patties and make cooking more even. Place steak patties in a large frying pan with a tsp. of oil over med-high heat. Turn about every 5-6 min. until an internal temperature of 165°, about 15-20 min.

Whisk 4 T. flour with 1 c. beef broth. Remove the steaks to a plate and lightly tent. Pour out most of the liquid, leaving about 3-4 T. Allow the pan to cool slightly. Add 1 c. beef broth and bring to a light boil over medium heat. Slowly add the flour/broth mixture while continuing to whisk. Add 1 t. ketchup and 1/2 t. Worcestershire sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste. Whisk until nicely thickened, a few minutes. Add onions and mushrooms and mix well. Add steak back into the mixture, simmer for a few min.

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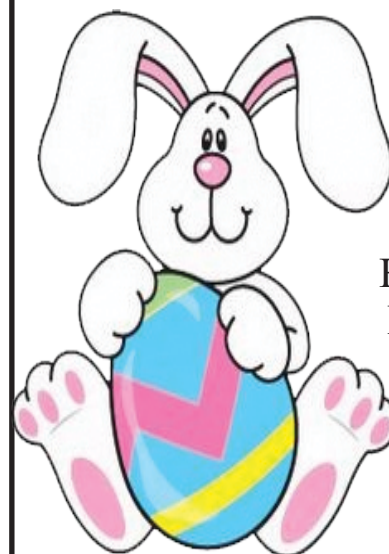
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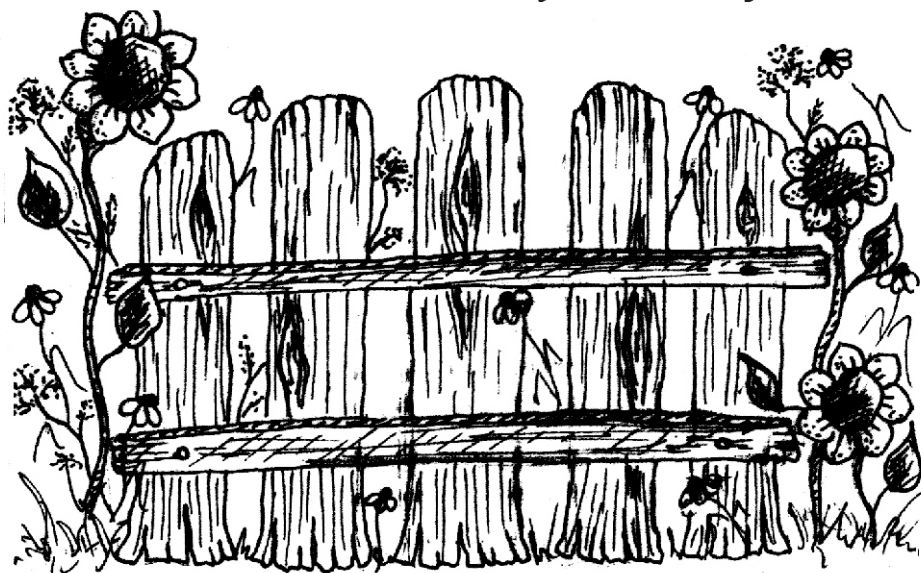
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2 heads of romaine, chopped
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1 cucumber, diced
1 c. cherry tomatoes, sliced in half
½ c. kalamata olives, pitted .
¼ red onion, thinly sliced
feta cheese, crumbled
¼ c. fresh parsley, chopped (optional)
salt + pepper, to taste

Vinaigrette

5 T. apple cider vinegar
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½ t. dried oregano

In a large serving bowl, or individual serving bowls,
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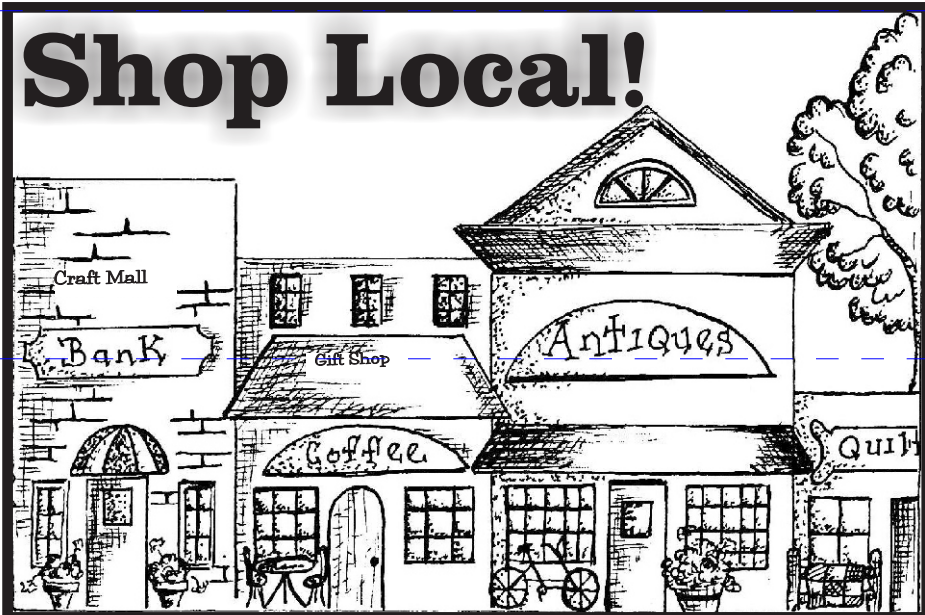
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Create a Home Office that Works

By Sue Baldani

When many of us had to start working from home after COVID hit, we made do with whatever space and equipment we had available in our homes. We figured it was a temporary situation and so if it didn't have enough light, or if we didn't have a desk, or it just wasn't very conducive to productivity, it wouldn't last long anyway.

Now, two years later, some of us are still in that same unmanageable space, maybe permanently if we either started a new remote job or our bosses decided to close the office and allow us to continue working from home. So, isn't it beyond time that we turn our "temporary office" spaces into professional and functional ones where we can comfortably spend eight, sometimes more hours a day?

If you're squeezed into a spare bedroom, and find that extra bed that's taking up so much real estate is almost never used, get rid of it. Instead, use that space for a good-sized desk, some file cabinets, a book case and/or a credenza on which to place your printer and other office equipment. Take advantage of the wall space and hang shelves for an even more organized layout. If you can't afford all new furniture, don't worry. Go to a resale or thrift shop, search online used furniture sites, or venture out to garage sales. You can often find high-quality office items at great bargains and sometimes even for free! Good lighting is also an important component of any functional office. Pick up a great desk lamp or hang a light directly over your desk so you're not constantly squinting at your paperwork. Think of all the other things you used to have in your outside office that made your workflow more efficient, and bring those items into your home office.

If you don't have a whole room to spare, that's fine too. Pick a corner or choose one side to dedicate as your office space. Then, incorporate as much of the above recommendations as you can. I know someone who put a desk in her walk-in closet. It has a door, it's quiet, and can be cozy if set up right.

Creating the right work space will let your productivity and creativity soar. You'll also have a place that you look forward to going to every day. A positive attitude is the first step to having a great work day. Susan Baldani lives in New Jersey and writes articles about small town life, décor, books and food for various publications across the U.S., Canada, and the UK. You can contact her at suebaldani@yahoo.com, through her website at www.mywritingwall.com, or on Twitter @mywritingwall.



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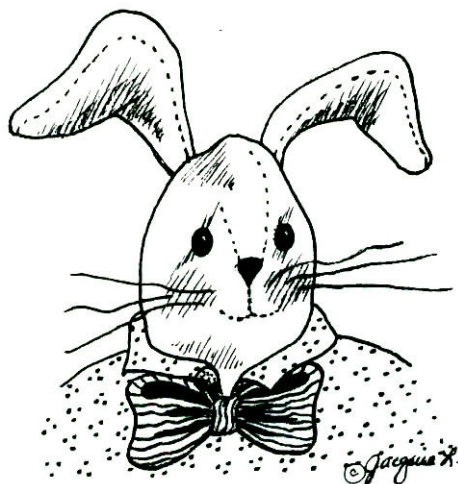
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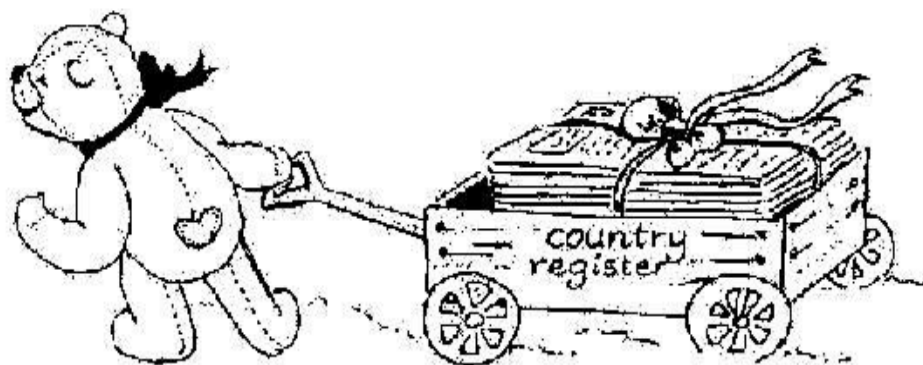
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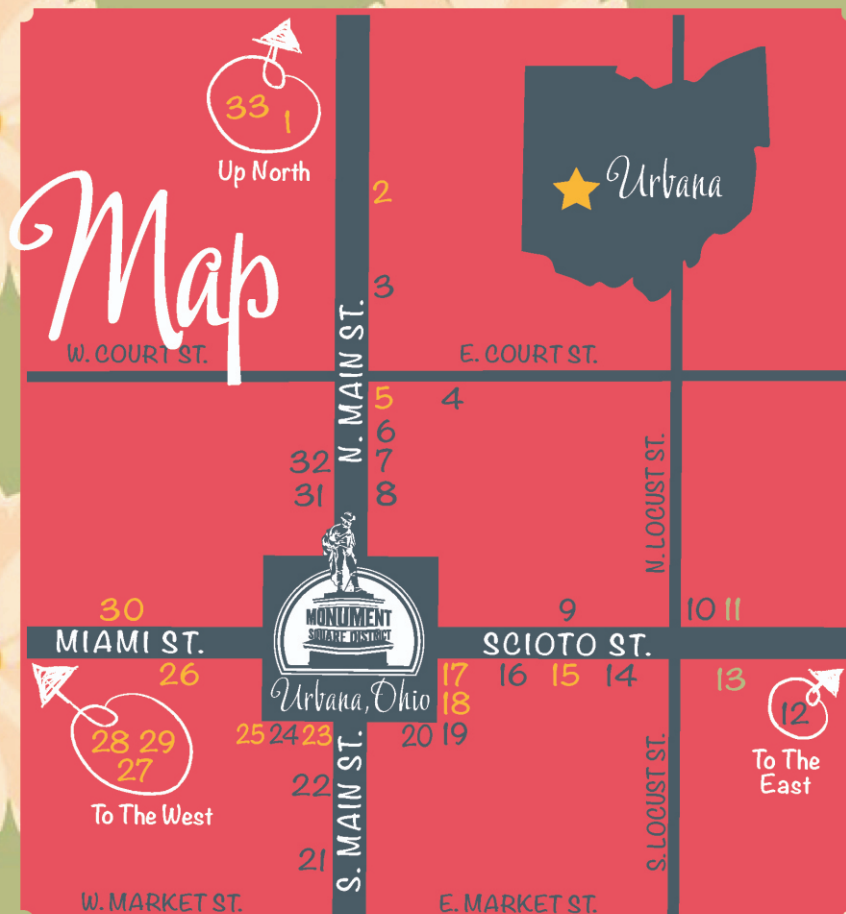
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Crocheting Through the Pockets of Time

by Kerri Habben Bosman

I owe a debt of gratitude to a kind lady I will never meet.

It was in 1915 that my grandmother, then eight years old, peered through a store window, studying a crocheted hot pad.

Something about the stitches compelled her and she wanted to learn. Her mother knew a little but she was busy cleaning houses and making a home for her husband and five growing children. My grandmother kept returning, trying to figure out the work simply by looking.

One day the shopkeeper emerged. My grandmother thought she was going to send her away but, instead, the lady asked, "Would you like to learn?" Thus began my grandmother's 91 years of crocheting, ending with her passing in 2006. Within all those years, she almost always had a hook and yarn in her hand. Crochet was a refuge for her, a place wherein she both lost and found herself. For this dedicated homemaker, it offered a creative and fulfilling pastime. It provided a place to pour life's big and small sorrows. Always, it was an extension of her joy. Things were made for her home and family, of course, but they were also made for anyone in need. Her giving was not always because someone's circumstances were limited. Sometimes it was simply that, with her creations, she could soften the world's edges.

I remember watching her fingers move and, even as a young child, I felt like I was witnessing something magical. The yarn flowed evenly though her hands and fabric appeared. Years later I realized what had compelled me wasn't a mystery at all. It was love materializing before my eyes.

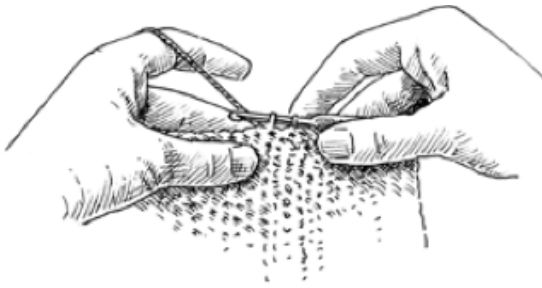
My grandmother taught me how to crochet when I was nine. I find myself thinking intently on this now because sometime this year I will have been crocheting for forty years. Crochet is everything to me that it was to my grandmother. In some ways, its more. Part of my livelihood for some years was as a crochet teacher, pattern designer, and also selling my work at bazaars and boutiques. I have been part of crochet and knitting groups where I found true friends—the kind of friends who rescue one another when life threatens to unravel.

However, what has always mattered most is the ability to create something entirely unique and then to give it away to family, friends, charities and even complete strangers. I am blessed to have married into a large family—including seven grandchildren. This means that, with birthday, Christmas and "I love you" presents, my hands are always happily busy.

A year ago, I taught ten-year-old granddaughter, Naomi, how to crochet. We talked about my grandmother and I thought about how it all began. Which brings me to the lady who taught my grandmother over a century ago. She could easily and understandably never have paid any attention to a kid standing outside her window. She was likely quite busy but chose to help my grandmother. In doing so, she led the way to one of the greatest gifts of my life.

Recently an acquaintance contacted me. She and her husband are expecting their first child this spring. The paternal grandfather is deceased and the crocheted baby hat he once wore met an unfortunate fate. It now has two jagged holes and the mother-to-be hoped that I could fashion a bow out of it for their baby girl. She asked me what it would cost to do that. I made some quick mental calculations before answering her. I said, "Consider it a baby gift from my grandmother who taught me." Perhaps, in another pocket of time and space, the kind shopkeeper and my grandmother paused in their crocheting and smiled at one another.

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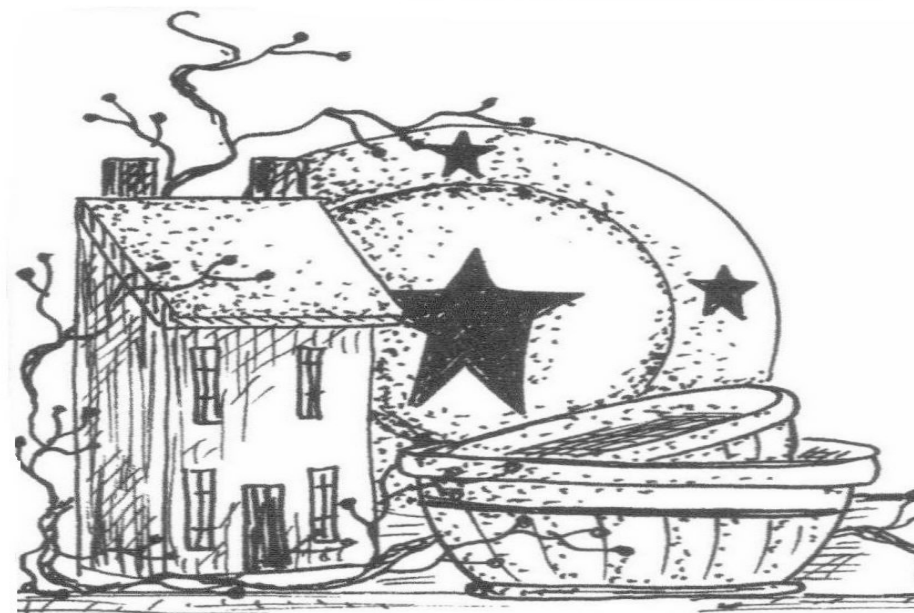
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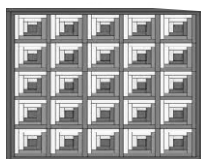
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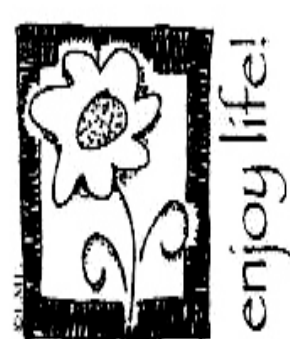
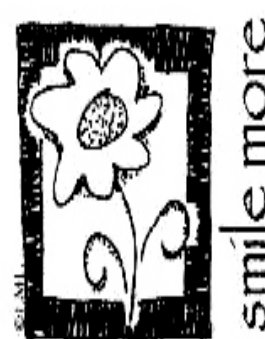
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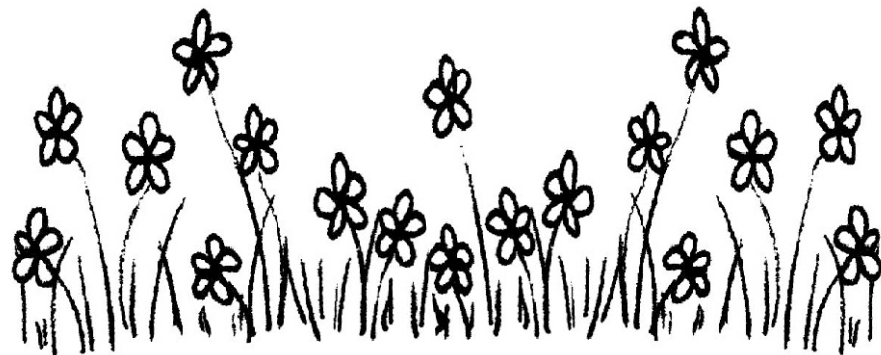
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Writing from Life

by Jeanette Lukowski

Punch Cards



I don't know about you, but my wallet seems to carry more store loyalty discount cards (aka punch cards) than anything else these days. Stores are quick to offer them, it costs nothing to join—why not just say, “Yes! Thank you,” when asked if you would like to start a punch card.

My collection started simply: the grocery store I frequent weekly, the gas station where I stop for the Sunday paper as I head home, the quilt shop in town.

Then I started adding ones that made sense, too: the stitching shop in my mother's town, the quilt shop I frequent once a year during a shop hop, the gift shop I discovered twenty miles out of town from my daughter's home, the toy store my mother and I would visit each time we visited my granddaughter. I even have a punch card for a drug store which rewards me for bringing in my own bag!

It's been almost fun collecting those punch cards. They even tell a tale as you flip through the collection, and note the type of store or the state from which they procured. Yes, it's getting a bit more difficult to close the wallet due to the bulk—but what's wrong with collecting discounts? (Once each card gets filled with punches, I will earn a discount to be used towards my next purchase.)

But this past Christmas, I hit the bump in my road of collecting-punch-cards: What happens when a business gets sold?

I went to the toy store to purchase some Christmas gifts for my granddaughter. I had one full punch card in my wallet, and a second half-filled (because they were happy to start a new one for me when, on a previous visit I had been unable to locate the first one). Finally, I was going to reap the reward of my loyalty!

Or not. “I'm sorry,” the clerk began, “but we are the new owners. That green punch card belonged to the previous owners. This is our punch card,” the clerk continued, showing me a purple and pink punch card. “Would you like me to start one for you?”

Wait. What? I don't get my promised \$10 off on my purchase? So much for “Rewarding Loyal Customers,” as the card itself proclaims.

“We tried alerting everyone to the change,” the clerk explained while waiting for me to extract my payment form from the same wallet. “We put ads in the paper and commercials on the radio about it.”

Of course. I don't live here.

“Would you like me to throw those cards out for you?” the clerk offered, hand extended.

“No, thanks,” I muttered as I sadly placed them on the top of the collection, and shoved the stack back into my wallet.

Hope the same doesn't happen when I go to the stitching shop in my mom's town; I have a fully punched card to redeem for \$20 in fabric.

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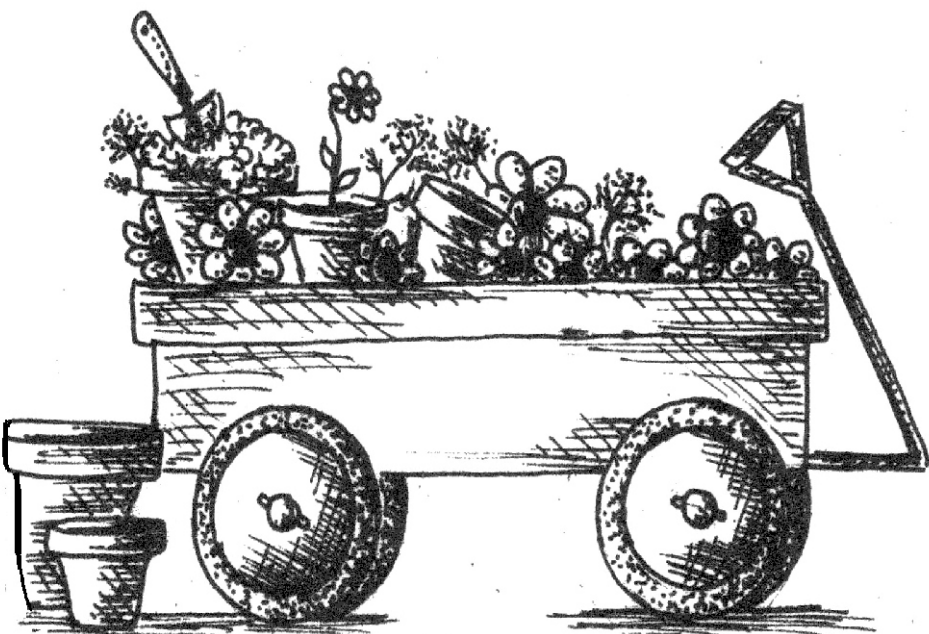
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Use a cookie cutter to cut desired shapes out of the crescent dough.

Check temperature of the oil with a candy thermometer. When it reaches 180° fry the doughnuts, a few at a time, for 2-3 min. or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.

In a large bowl, mix together 2-3 c. powdered sugar and 1 c. milk until a smooth mixture comes together. Then, stir in 1 c. cookie butter.

Dip the doughnuts into the icing and set them aside to dry.



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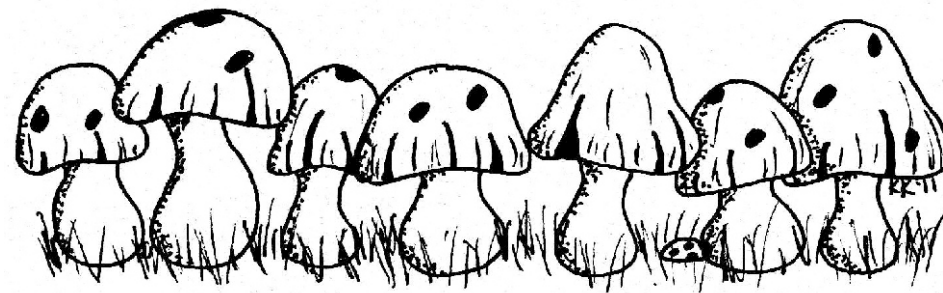
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caramel sauce, for drizzling

Preheat oven to 375°

In a small bowl, whisk together butter, sugars, and cinnamon.

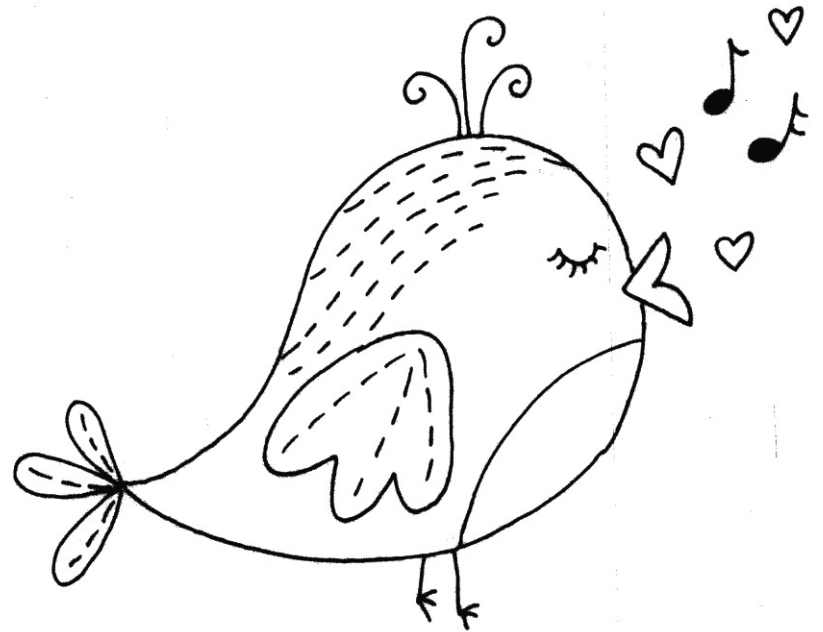
Slice top off of each apple then use a melon baller (or a teaspoon) to scoop out core. Using a paring knife, make two circular cuts in apple. Place apple cut side down on a cutting board and slice crosswise, being careful not to cut through the core.

Place cut apples in a small greased baking dish. Fill each apple with two caramel squares, then brush melted butter mixture on top. Bake until the apples are tender, about 30 min. Serve warm with ice cream and drizzle with caramel.



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1/3 c. dried cranberries

Dressing

1 c. apple juice
4 T. apple cider vinegar - (or white vinegar in a pinch)
2 T. honey
1/2 t. salt
1/4 t. black pepper
1/4 c. oil

Core and chop apples (thin slices or 1 inch chunks). Toss lettuce, apples, walnuts, feta, and cranberries together in a large bowl. Whisk together all dressing ingredients. Toss with salad immediately before serving. Enjoy!

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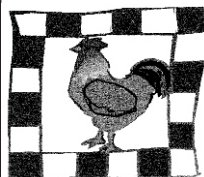
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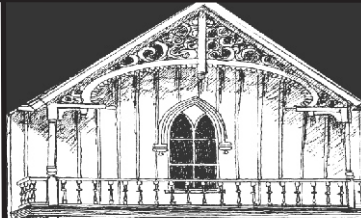
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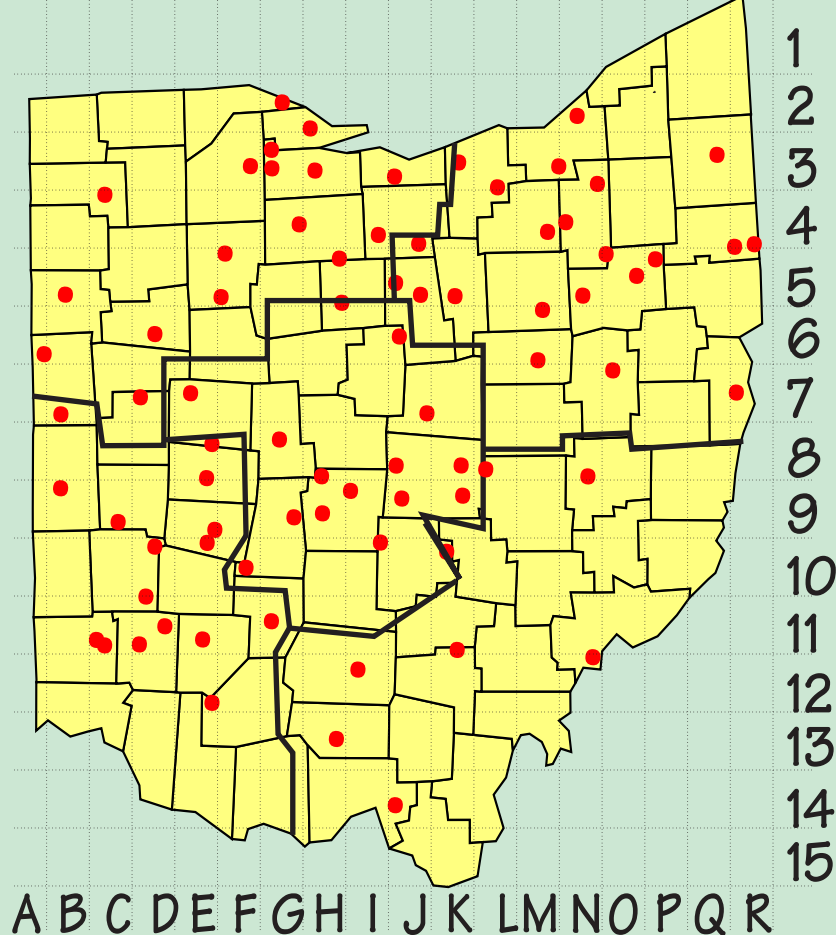
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2. Have more fun.
3. Be brave.
4. Be spontaneous: go places where something pleasantly unexpected can happen to you.
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6. Don't complain about the weather.
7. Count your lucky stars.
8. Fill heart with beauty.
9. Go on more picnics.
10. Pick more wildflowers (learn their names!)
11. Slow down time by using some to do nothing.
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